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G A T E W A Y T O S U C C E S S



GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY

School of Law

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



It is my great honor this year to join Golden Gate University School of Law as its second woman dean. This is an especially exciting time to be assuming the helm of this outstanding law school, with our signature programs and new initiatives on the move as never before. Together with programs including our nationally recognized Honors Lawyering Program, Environmental Law and Justice Clinic, LLM programs and broad clinical and internship offerings, our newly established Intellectual Property Law Center and Law and Leadership Program afford our students a superb grounding in legal theory, analysis and practice.

I am proud to announce our inauguration this year of the Chief Justice Ronald M. George Distinguished Lecture Series, which will annually feature an address by a prominent state Chief Justice. This event represents a unique opportunity to bring to our community many of the leading judicial thinkers and innovators of our day, as well as a greater awareness of the transcendent importance of the work of our nation's state courts. We are also delighted to host a landmark national Poverty Law Conference this spring, a centerpiece in our efforts to serve as a leader in teaching and scholarship in this area.

As a lawyer whose career has been devoted to civil rights, civil liberties and increasing access and diversity in the profession and judiciary, I am proud to lead a law school that is consistently ranked one of the most diverse in the nation. Golden Gate is a unique institution that provides a superb legal education to people from every walk of life, preparing our students to serve as highly skilled, creative, ethical and socially responsible practitioners. Our graduates emerge with an informed commitment to a fair and impartial justice system and the nonpareil expertise and passion for the law for which Golden Gate has so justly been known for over a century.

Please come and join us. We look forward to launching you on a successful and satisfying legal career.

A handwritten signature in white ink that reads "Drucilla S. Ramey". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Drucilla S. Ramey
Dean

A COMPREHENSIVE CURRICULUM



GOLDEN GATE LAW OFFERS A BROAD CURRICULUM THAT STRESSES THE FUNDAMENTALS OF LEGAL THEORY AND PRACTICE AND THE HIGHEST ETHICAL AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS.

At Golden Gate Law, students simultaneously master high-level legal writing and analysis and the day-to-day essentials of legal practice. After the first year they may explore specific areas of law in depth by obtaining optional Certificates of Specialization and examining legal issues from multiple perspectives through the Law School's interdisciplinary centers and symposia.

Practical Legal Training

Golden Gate Law houses two award-winning clinics and offers a wide array of field-placement externships aimed at providing hands-on experience in law offices, government agencies, judges' chambers and non-profit advocacy organizations.

Joint Degree Programs

JD/MBA: Depending upon their pre-law school course work, students may earn an MBA from Golden Gate University in two or fewer semesters beyond the completion of the JD program. This combined program allows students to obtain both degrees in less time and at lower cost than if they were to pursue them separately.

JD/PhD in Clinical Psychology:

Students earn a JD from Golden Gate Law and a PhD in Clinical Psychology from the Pacific Graduate School of Psychology at Palo Alto University.

Study Abroad

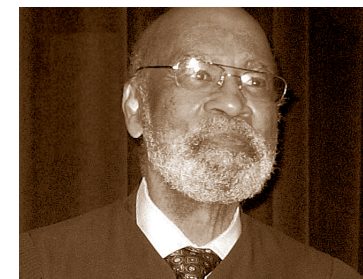
While enrolled at Golden Gate Law, students may study comparative and international law in the study abroad program in Paris at the University of Paris X-Nanterre, or in San Sebastian, Spain at the University of the Basque Country.

Graduate Law Programs

Golden Gate Law offers several highly respected graduate law programs leading to the Master of Laws (LLM) and Doctor of Juridical Science (SJD) degrees. These programs bring practicing attorneys, government officials, and international scholars onto campus, where they study with and provide valuable professional contacts to JD students.

Part-Time Evening Program

Golden Gate Law's part-time evening program makes it feasible for students to obtain a JD degree in four years while working full-time, caring for children or other family members, or simply taking fewer units per semester to lower the annual cost of attendance. Classes are taught by full-time faculty, and essential training and programming opportunities are carefully planned to accommodate the needs of evening students.



"Golden Gate students impress me with their excellent ability to think critically, research and write effectively and communicate clearly."

The Hon. Thelton E. Henderson
Senior Judge, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California

A PREMIUM ON PRACTICAL TRAINING



FIRST-YEAR REQUIRED COURSES FOR THE DOCTOR OF JURISPRUDENCE

FULL-TIME DAY

Civil Procedure I, II
Contracts I, II
Criminal Law
Property I, II
Torts I, II
Writing and Research I, II

PART-TIME EVENING

Civil Procedure I, II
Contracts I, II
Torts I, II
Writing and Research I, II

OTHER REQUIRED COURSES

Appellate Advocacy
Business Associations
Constitutional Law I, II
Criminal Procedure I
Evidence
Practical Legal Writing
Professional Responsibility
Wills and Trusts

Golden Gate Law offers outstanding hands-on training opportunities through an extensive array of field placement externships and through our two on-site legal clinics.

Environmental Law and Justice Clinic

In 1994 Golden Gate Law became one of the nation's first law schools to establish an on-site environmental justice clinic to address the needs of low-income communities disproportionately impacted by industrial pollution.

Women's Employment Rights Clinic

Through the Women's Employment Rights Clinic, founded in 1993, students at Golden Gate Law represent low-income, often immigrant workers who might otherwise lack legal counsel in disputes with employers. The clinic's successes have included settling a gender discrimination case on behalf of six female electricians who asserted they were targeted for layoffs on the basis of gender.

Field Placement Externships

Students may obtain credit for substantive legal training outside the classroom.

- Capital Post-Conviction Defense
- Civil Field Placement
- Criminal Litigation
- Environmental Law
- Family Law
- Homeless Advocacy
- Judicial Externship Program
- Pro Bono Tax Clinic
- Real Estate Law
- Youth Law

The Environmental Law and Justice Clinic (ELJC), a core component of Golden Gate Law's Environmental Law Program, received the 2006 Clinical Legal Education Association Award for Excellence in a Public Interest Case or Project for its success in representing clients working to shut down an aging and polluting power plant in Southeast San Francisco. Other recent clinic victories have included successfully arguing that a proposed sewage composting facility in Southern California needed further review and compelling both a steel foundry in Berkeley, CA and a pulp mill near Eureka, CA to reduce toxic emissions. In 2009, the United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 9 presented the ELJC with an Award for Outstanding Achievement in recognition of its exceptional work and commitment to protecting the environment.



"We have a strong contingent of Golden Gate students and alumni working in the Solano County Public Defender's Office. I strongly encourage people to hire students and alumni from Golden Gate because of the practical training they receive—it's what drew me to Golden Gate."

George Derieg (JD 05)

Solano County Deputy Public Defender

EXPERIENCED FACULTY



One of the hallmarks of Golden Gate Law is the faculty's extensive legal and professional experience. Our faculty have worked for some of the country's best known law firms, corporations, government agencies, public interest organizations and courts including:

- Asian Law Caucus
- CA Attorney General's Office
- CA Public Utilities Commission
- Fenwick & West LLP
- Latham & Watkins LLP
- Morrison & Foerster LLP
- San Diego Legal Aid Society
- San Francisco Public Defender
- San Francisco Superior Court
- U.S. Department of Justice
- U.S. District Court
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- U.S. Internal Revenue Service



WILLIAM T. GALLAGHER Associate Professor of Law ■ Co-Director, Intellectual Property Law Center

BA, University of California, Berkeley; MA, University of Chicago; JD, University of California, Los Angeles, School of Law; PhD, University of California, Berkeley, School of Law

Associate Professor William Gallagher teaches Intellectual Property, Legal Ethics and Torts at Golden Gate Law. Prior to joining the Golden Gate Law faculty, he was a partner at Townsend and Townsend and Crew, where he specialized in intellectual property litigation. He has published articles in the *Santa Clara Law Review*, *Pepperdine Law Review*, *Law and Social Inquiry* and *Center for the Study of Law and Society/Jurisprudence and Social Policy Program Faculty Working Papers* (UC Berkeley School of Law) and edited the book *The International Library of Essays in Law and Society: Intellectual Property*.



KIMBERLY STANLEY Associate Dean and Professor of Law ■ Director, LLM Program in Taxation

BS (magna cum laude), Brigham Young University; JD (with honors), George Washington University National Law Center; LLM in Taxation, Georgetown University Law Center

Professor and Associate Dean Kimberly Stanley, a veteran tax attorney with extensive experience in the public and private sectors, started her career as a law clerk with the U.S. Tax Court. She later served six years as an appellate attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice Tax Division in Washington, D.C. Moving to the private sector, she was an associate in the tax practice group at Gray, Cary, Ware & Freidenrich and a founding partner of Lautanen & Stanley, a boutique law firm specializing in state and federal tax controversy and litigation. Her classes include Federal Income Taxation, Tax Procedure and Property.



CHRIS NWACHUKWU OKEKE Associate Professor of Law ■ Director, LLM and SJD Programs in International Legal Studies ■ Director, Sompong Sucharitkul Center for Advanced International Legal Studies

LLM (magna cum laude), Kiev State University, Ukraine; DrJur (SJD Equivalent), Free University of Amsterdam

Associate Professor Chris Okeke is a noted expert and authority in international law and a barrister and solicitor of the Supreme Court of Nigeria. He practiced law for more than two decades as partner in a Nigerian law firm and was founding dean at two fully accredited Nigerian law schools. His many books and articles include *The Controversial Subjects of Contemporary International Law*; *The Theory and Practice of International Law in Nigeria*; "The Debt Burden: An African Perspective," in *The International Lawyer*; and "United States Migration Law: Essentials for Comparison," co-authored with A.R. Nafziger, in the *American Journal of Comparative Law*.

HONORS LAWYERING PROGRAM



"HLP gave me the opportunity to extern for an appellate justice, represent a client in a landlord-tenant dispute, clerk for a public interest organization and work as a summer associate with a large law firm—all before my final year as a law student."

Erin Frazor (JD 07)
Associate, DLA Piper

THE HONORS LAWYERING PROGRAM TAKES A UNIQUE APPROACH TO LEGAL EDUCATION, INTEGRATING THE THEORY, SKILLS, AND VALUES LEARNED IN THE CLASSROOM WITH ACTUAL WORK IN THE LEGAL COMMUNITY — A MODERN VERSION OF THE TRADITIONAL APPRENTICESHIP.

HLP students attend the regular first-year curriculum, participate in an intensive skills-focused summer session and work at a full-time fall apprenticeship. In the spring, students return to full-time classes with a new appreciation for the application of law to practice. During their third year, students complete a second apprenticeship and have the option to enroll in additional, practice-based courses.

HLP summer courses meet in small sections that integrate lawyering skills training with the substantive law curriculum. By the third week, students begin representing real clients under the guidance and

supervision of the professors, who are themselves practicing attorneys. Students may apprentice in private law firms, companies, courts, government agencies, and public interest organizations.

A dedicated HLP career adviser assists HLP students with securing apprenticeships and students are free to explore opportunities in any area of practice. At the time they begin their first apprenticeships, HLP students are well-trained and prepared to provide meaningful assistance to employers. They are also qualified to represent clients through the State Bar of California's Practical Training of Law Students Program.

Admission into HLP is very competitive, and graduates of the program are highly regarded by legal employers. HLP students are a tight-knit group, and the summer program is designed to foster the development of personal and professional relationships that will extend far beyond graduation from law school.

HLP employers have included:

- ACLU
- Bronx County District Attorney
- California Supreme Court
- Earthjustice Legal Defense Fund
- Electronic Frontier Foundation
- eBay

- Gordon & Rees LLP
- Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP
- Municipality of Anchorage
- National Center for Lesbian Rights
- Oxfam America
- San Francisco City Attorney's Office
- San Francisco District Attorney's Office
- Sierra Club
- Supreme Court of Guam
- Townsend and Townsend and Crew
- UN International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda
- U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
- Yahoo!

COMPETITIONS & ADVOCACY



In and out of the classroom, Golden Gate Law students are grounded in the basic foundations of trial advocacy and have many opportunities to hone their skills. Through Golden Gate Law's Appellate Advocacy course, every JD student is required to participate in a moot court exercise before graduation.

Appellate Advocacy is aimed at helping students develop strong skills in oral and written advocacy, key aspects of any lawyer's training. By the end of the course students are able to write clearly and concisely, argue persuasively on behalf of a client, analyze complex legal issues, present an oral argument to an appellate-level court and comply with relevant court rules and policies. Top students compete in our annual Appellate Advocacy Competition.

Upper-year students may elect to take Mock Trial, where they try a "mock"

case three times during the semester and participate in their classmates' cases as witnesses. The Mock Trial course is held in Golden Gate Law's Moot Courtroom and at the Hall of Justice in San Francisco's Civic Center.

Golden Gate Law students may be selected to compete in prestigious regional, state, national and international competitions, including the Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition and the National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition. Golden Gate Law placed second in the 2008 State Bar of California Environmental Negotiations Competition and recently won the San Francisco Trial Lawyers Association Competition. Students are coached by renowned professors such as Bernard Segal, Director of the Litigation Program.



"I would recommend Golden Gate to anyone hoping to learn how to be an effective legal advocate."

Tanya Brown (JD 08)

Post-Bar Clerk, Solano County Public Defender's Office



"I have taught at Golden Gate for over 30 years. Our students are unique in that they bring a real sense of engagement with the law that makes them fun to teach and that makes me proud to be connected to them."

Professor Robert Calhoun

LIBRARY & PUBLICATIONS



GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY'S LAW LIBRARY HOUSES THE LARGEST LEGAL COLLECTION IN SAN FRANCISCO'S FINANCIAL DISTRICT, WITH MORE THAN 373,000 VOLUMES, MICROFORMS AND ELECTRONIC RESOURCES.

The Law Library has recently undergone a major expansion and renovation and features a comfortable new reading room, numerous study carrels, wiring for laptop computers and wireless access to Golden Gate's online network.

Holdings include a comprehensive series of case law, statutes, digests, encyclopedias, periodicals and treatises dealing with American law; a robust tax collection; microforms and government document collections; extensive international law collections, particularly in Pacific Rim countries, the European Union and the United Nations; and an expansive body of work in environmental law.

Research Journals

Golden Gate Law publishes three scholarly research journals staffed by students selected on the basis of their academic standing and outstanding writing ability.

The Golden Gate University Law Review is published three times a year and includes the *Ninth Circuit Survey*, the only law review journal dedicated solely to addressing cases decided by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

The Golden Gate University Environmental Law Journal is published twice during the academic year. The winter Pacific Region edition addresses

environmental legal issues pertaining to Pacific Rim countries. The summer edition focuses on the topic of our Annual Environmental Law Symposium.

The Annual Survey of International and Comparative Law is published once a year. Recent articles have included "The Modern Concept of Secularism and Islamic Jurisprudence: A Comparative Analysis" and "Universal Human Rights: A Generational History."

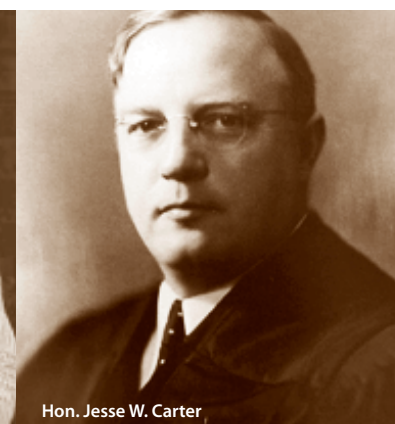


Analisa Pratt (JD 06)

Associate, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati; former Law Clerk, Honorable Mary H. Murguia, U.S. District Court, former Editor-in-Chief, Golden Gate University Law Review

"Golden Gate provided me with a strategic approach that proved critical in my search for competitive legal opportunities. This personalized support not only played a key role in my attaining a position as a federal law clerk, but also guided me in securing an associate attorney position at a top-tier corporate law firm after my two-year clerkship."

CENTERS, SYMPOSIA & SPECIAL PROGRAMS



Hon. Jesse W. Carter

At Golden Gate Law we provide an interdisciplinary focus on legal learning in which students, faculty and practitioners analyze legal problems from a variety of perspectives in search of practical solutions.

Our **Intellectual Property Law Center** brings together noted attorneys and scholars to promote a nuanced understanding of cutting-edge issues in intellectual property law and policy. The Center also sponsors an annual **Intellectual**

Property Law Conference and the **Distinguished Intellectual Property Law Speaker Series**.

The **Sompong Sucharitkul Center for Advanced International Legal Studies** advances scholarship and

dialogue on comparative and international law, as does the **Annual Fulbright Symposium on Current International Legal Problems**.

Our **Appellate Advocacy Institute** sponsors Moot Court for Practicing Attorneys where students observe lawyers rehearsing their oral arguments. The **Annual Environmental Law Symposium** addresses topics such as renewable energy and environmental justice.

Golden Gate Law also hosts the **Jesse Carter Distinguished Lecture Series**. Named for Jesse W. Carter (Class of 1913), former associate justice of the California Supreme Court, the lectures explore current issues of jurisprudence and public policy. In 2009 we proudly inaugurated the **Chief Justice Ronald M. George Lecture**, the first in a series of annual addresses by state Supreme Court Chief Justices.

*"As a part-time evening student
I was able to work at the Alameda
County District Attorney's Office
as a certified law student and
serve as a judicial extern to the
California Courts of Appeal.
Golden Gate Law's evening
program allowed me to pursue
my law degree on my
own schedule."*

Peter Hoefs (JD 07)
Associate, Nixon Peabody LLP

LAW & LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

The Law & Leadership Program is an innovative approach to developing leadership skills among law students and reflects Golden Gate Law's particular commitment to training students to exhibit and value professionalism. Following a competitive application process, 12 second- and third-year students are invited to participate in a year-long seminar led by faculty and senior staff mentors. Workshop-style classes use role plays and other interactive exercises to practice professional skills and behavior. Students assess their own leadership styles, examine the connection between building satisfying professional relationships and effective leadership, and consider the value of public service as a path to leadership. The Law & Leadership Program is one of only a handful of law school leadership programs in the country.

LEGAL SPECIALIZATIONS



GOLDEN GATE LAW OFFERS STUDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO EARN CERTIFICATES OF SPECIALIZATION IN ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING TEN AREAS OF PRACTICE.

REAL ESTATE LAW

Certificate of Specialization in Real Estate Law

This certificate requires concentrated coursework, an independent study project and practical training through the Real Estate Law Externship. Students may focus on transactional or litigation-based projects at local law firms, public agencies or non-profit organizations.

Selected Courses in Real Estate Law

- Commercial Finance
- Commercial Leasing
- Environmental Law & Policy
- Land Use Regulation

- Public Natural Resources & Land Law
- Real Estate Development
- Real Estate Finance
- Real Estate Litigation Seminar
- Real Estate Taxation
- Real Estate Transactions Seminar

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW

Certificate of Specialization in Intellectual Property (IP) Law

Students must complete required coursework, which can include a clinical experience, supervised research project or participation

in one of several moot court competitions. Students may also join our active Intellectual Property Law Association which offers many opportunities for networking, travel to national conferences and leadership development.

The Intellectual Property Law Center

The Center brings together students, faculty, lawyers, judges and IP law scholars to explore developments in the fast-changing world of IP law and policy. The Center is led by faculty with extensive IP law experience, assisted by a distinguished Advisory Board comprised of prominent attorneys from Bay Area law firms,

in-house counsel, federal judges and lawyers at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. With its proximity to Silicon Valley and close ties to California's entertainment centers, the IP Law Center offers excellent opportunities for research and training.

The Center sponsors a prestigious **Annual Intellectual Property Law Conference**, as well as the **Distinguished Intellectual Property Law Speaker Series** (which in 2009 included William Patry, Senior Copyright Counsel, Google, Inc.), an IP Mentorship Program, an IP section in the Law Library and an alumni network listserv to keep current and former students apprised of events and job opportunities.

Golden Gate Law's Intellectual Property Law Program features over two dozen IP-focused courses. Students gain broad theoretical and practical understanding

"The Intellectual Property Law Program provides substantive academic preparation for work as an IP and entertainment lawyer and extensive networking opportunities that allow students to meet and interact with the Bay Area's vast IP and entertainment law community."

**Associate Professor
William Gallagher**

*Co-Director, GGU Intellectual
Property Law Center*

LEGAL SPECIALIZATIONS



of this rapidly growing field and can explore its many niche areas, including copyright, entertainment and sports law; internet and software law; patent and biotechnology law and trademark and unfair competition law. Students also develop expertise in closely related and often overlapping fields of study, such as international law, particularly with respect to cyberlaw.

Selected Courses in Intellectual Property Law

- Art & the Law
- Biotechnology Law
- Content Licensing
- Copyright Law of the U.S.
- Cyberlaw & Privacy
- e-Commerce Law
- Entertainment Law
- Intellectual Property Law Survey
- Intellectual Property Litigation: Copyright & Trademark

- International Intellectual Property Law
- International Patent Law
- Internet & Software Law
- IP Law Moot Court
- Negotiating & Drafting Contracts in the Entertainment Business
- Patent Application Process from A to Z
- Patent Law of the U.S.
- Sports Law
- Taxation of Intellectual Property Law
- Trademark Law of the U.S.

INTERNATIONAL LEGAL STUDIES

Certificate of Specialization in International Legal Studies

The International Legal Studies Program offers in-depth coverage of specialized areas of public and private international law, as well as inter-

national trade and comparative law. Students interested in international legal studies at Golden Gate Law may go on to earn an LLM or SJD in international legal studies, programs that have graduated hundreds of students from more than 50 nations.

Students specializing in international legal studies may participate in the law school's summer study abroad program in Paris, where American students study comparative law together with French students in courses taught by noted French and American scholars.

Sompong Sucharitkul Center for Advanced International Legal Studies

The Sompong Sucharitkul Center hosts the prestigious Annual Fulbright Symposium on Current International Legal Issues and publishes the *Annual Survey of International and Comparative Law*.

Selected Courses in International Legal Studies

- Air, Space & Telecommunications Law
- Comparative Antitrust Law
- Comparative Constitutional Design
- Comparative Criminal Justice
- Comparative Legal Systems
- European Union Law
- Immigration Law
- International Business Transactions
- International Commercial Arbitration
- International Contracts
- International Human Rights Seminar
- International Intellectual Property Law

- International Law
- International Organizations
- International Trade Regulation
- Law of International Armed Conflicts
- Pacific Rim Trade Seminar
- Private International Law: Transnational Litigation

LEGAL SPECIALIZATIONS



PUBLIC INTEREST LAW

Certificate of Specialization in Public Interest Law

Golden Gate Law offers an extensive public interest law program and employs a full-time public interest law adviser. This certificate requires specialized coursework, supervised legal work in a public interest or government setting and community service. Graduating students are honored at the Annual Public Interest Graduation Reception.

Clinical Training in Public Interest Law

Students can gain direct experience in their particular area of interest working with Golden Gate Law's on-site Environmental Law and Justice Clinic and Women's Employment Rights Clinic or off-site field placement externships.

Students attend the Bay Area's Public Interest/Public Sector Legal Careers Day, an annual job fair that draws over 100 public interest and government employers to San Francisco.

Funding Public Interest Work

The Public Interest Law Scholars Program at Golden Gate grants several \$5,000 annual scholarships to entering students with extensive public service experience. During the summer, Golden Gate Law is among the few law schools to pay the employer's portion of a work-study award for students working for public interest organizations and government agencies. Our annual Public Interest Law Foundation (PILF) fundraising auction has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars over the years to help offset expenses for students working in unpaid public interest internship positions.

Our Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) offers generous grants to graduates employed in low-paying public interest jobs.

Volunteering and Pro Bono

Golden Gate Law students are actively engaged in the greater San Francisco Bay Area community. Students participate in established programs such as our Pro Bono Tax Clinic and volunteer with dozens of outside organizations including the La Raza Centro Legal Worker's Rights Clinic, the Student Hurricane Network, The Princess Project (aid for needy San Francisco teens) and the San Francisco Food Bank. The public interest adviser helps match students with pro bono opportunities in areas that interest them.

Selected Courses in Public Interest Law

- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Asian Americans & the Law
- Children & the Law
- Criminal Litigation
- Education Law
- Election Law
- Employment Discrimination Law
- Gender & the Law
- Guerilla Lawyering
- Immigration & Refugee Policy Seminar
- Labor Law
- Katrina and Disaster Law Seminar
- Poverty Law
- Sexual Orientation & the Law
- Street Law

"As an intern at Fitzgerald, Abbott

& Beardsley LLP, I found a mentor

in fellow GGU graduate Timothy

Smallsreed (JD 77), who has

continued to monitor and guide

my professional growth."

Gayle N. Williams (JD 01)

*Staff Attorney, Domestic Relations,
Legal Services Alabama*

LEGAL SPECIALIZATIONS



TAXATION LAW

Certificate of Specialization in Taxation Law

Golden Gate Law's Taxation Law Program is one of the preeminent tax law programs in the United States. Studying under experienced faculty, students gain a solid foundation in the basics of federal, state and local taxation as well as real estate, partnership, corporate and international tax law. Students may choose to branch out into areas of particular interest, including business taxation, estate planning or employee benefits.

Students must complete a set number of core courses and electives, and many go on to earn an advanced degree, applying up to 12 units of related JD coursework to an LLM in Taxation Law. The School of Law offers tax-related programming and job fairs throughout the year,

including several hosted by the Young Tax Lawyers Association. Students may also participate in the CAPITAL Group (Corporate Asset-Management Property Investment and Tax Association) law student organization.

Pro Bono Tax Clinic

Law students have the opportunity to review appeals filed with the California Board of Equalization by taxpayers of limited means, primarily from final actions from the Franchise Tax Board. They are responsible for ascertaining the issues presented on appeal, conducting the necessary research and preparing briefs for the Board's consideration. Students learn tax and administrative law and client counseling techniques while providing a valuable service to underserved members of society. Students work under the direct supervision of an attorney from the Board of

Equalization and attend a classroom training meeting every two weeks.

Selected Courses in Taxation Law

- California Property Tax
- Charitable Giving
- Corporate Taxation
- ERISA
- Estate & Gift Taxation
- Estate Planning
- Federal Income Taxation
- Federal Tax Procedure
- Income Taxation of Trusts & Estates
- International Taxation
- Marital Taxation
- Partnership Tax
- Probate Procedures & Litigation
- Professional Responsibility for Tax Practitioners
- Real Estate Taxation
- State and Local Taxation
- Tax Exempt Organizations
- Tax Litigation
- Tax Policy
- Tax Research
- Taxation of Intellectual Property
- Taxation of LLC and S Corporations
- Taxation of Mergers & Acquisitions
- Timing of Income & Expenditures
- Transfer Pricing



"I chose to attend Golden Gate School of Law because of the flexibility it offered for an older, working student like myself."

Treva Boone Stewart (JD 05)
Attorney, Narayan Law Firm

LEGAL SPECIALIZATIONS



LITIGATION

Certificate of Specialization in Litigation

Students must complete approved litigation courses, including the required Trial Advocacy and Mock Trial basic courses and either Civil Litigation: Pre-Trial Phase or Criminal Litigation. Clinical placements with significant litigation work are highly encouraged.

Litigation Training

Moot Court consists of appellate advocacy competitions while Mock Trial includes full trials, with witnesses and often a jury of peers. A mock trial competition is a trial advocacy competition with student teams of lawyers and witnesses. To be a member of a competition team, students must excel in certain prerequisite courses and participate in tryouts.

Selected Courses in Litigation

- Advanced Appellate Practice
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Competition: Environmental Negotiation
- Courtroom as Theatre
- International Commercial Arbitration
- Lawyering Skills: Client Advocacy

BUSINESS LAW

Certificate of Specialization in Business Law

Students must supplement the required Business Associations class with at least six other business law courses, including three from either the domestic or international tracks. Students gain practical experience in business, corporate and commercial law through the Civil Field Placement Externship, Real Estate

Law Externship and Pro Bono Tax Clinic.

Selected Courses in Business Law

- Antitrust
- Bankruptcy Law
- Business Associations
- Business Contracts
- Business Planning
- Commercial Finance
- Corporate Governance
- International Business Transactions
- International Trade Regulation
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Sales
- Securities Regulation

CRIMINAL LAW

Certificate of Specialization in Criminal Law

Employers often remark that Golden Gate Law produces students “who know where the courthouse is.” Golden Gate has a long and proud history of producing outstanding criminal lawyers, and California’s Public Defender and District Attorney’s Offices are full of talented, dedicated Golden Gate Law alumni. In addition to the required Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure I and Evidence courses, students must complete additional units in criminal law courses.

Students learn the foundational aspects of criminal litigation in classes like Advanced Criminal Procedure or Wrongful Convictions. Through the Criminal Litigation Externship, students intern with state and federal prosecutors and defense

attorneys. They also obtain valuable practical experience by working for judges in criminal court and interning in law offices specializing in criminal defense.

Selected Courses in Criminal Law

- Comparative Criminal Procedure
- Criminal Litigation
- Criminal Law
- Criminal Procedure I & II
- Domestic Violence Seminar
- Evidence
- Trial Advocacy
- Wrongful Convictions

LEGAL SPECIALIZATIONS



ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

Certificate of Specialization in Environmental Law

Golden Gate Law's Environmental Law Program features faculty who are actively involved in environmental justice and protection efforts, on-site and off-site clinics offering unparalleled opportunities to effect change and cutting-edge courses on current environmental law and policy issues. This certificate requires concentrated coursework, a research paper and clinical experience focused on environmental law.

Environmental Law Clinic and Law Journal

Golden Gate Law was one of the first U.S. law schools to establish an Environmental Law and Justice Clinic. Working under the supervision of clinic faculty, students directly represent environmental organizations and community

groups in low-income and minority communities on real-life public health, toxics and environmental justice issues. Golden Gate Law also publishes the *Golden Gate University Environmental Law Journal*, including a Pacific Region Edition published in winter and a summer Symposium Edition to correspond with the School of Law's fall Environmental Law Symposium.

Environmental Law Scholars Program

Each year, entering law students are chosen as Environmental Law Scholars. This distinction includes an annual scholarship of \$5,000, faculty mentoring and specialized career counseling. Many Environmental Law Scholars join the **Environmental Law Society**, an active student organization that sponsors lectures and panels, sales of eco-friendly products, beach cleanups and other programs throughout the year.

Selected Courses in Environmental Law

- Animal & Wildlife Law
- California Environmental & Natural Resources Law
- Energy & Environmental Law
- Environmental Law & Policy
- Global Climate Change & Water Law
- Global Warming & the Courts
- Global Warming & Renewable Energy
- International Environmental Law
- International Trade & Environmental Protection
- Land Use Regulation
- Public Natural Resources & Land Law
- Toxics Law & Policy
- Water Law

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT LAW

Certificate of Specialization in Labor and Employment Law

To obtain this certificate, students must complete two required courses, four units of elective courses, two units of clinical training and a comprehensive research paper. Through the on-site Women's Employment Rights Clinic, students can provide legal advice, counseling and representation to low-income workers in the San Francisco Bay Area. The Clinic has achieved many successes over the years, particularly for Latina and Asian-American workers. Students can also gain valuable labor and employment law experience with Golden Gate Law's off-site Civil Field Placement Externship.

Selected Courses in Labor and Employment Law

- Administrative Law
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Employment Discrimination Law
- Employment Law
- Gender & the Law
- Labor Law
- Race & Civil Rights Seminar
- Sexual Orientation & the Law
- Women's Employment Rights Seminar
- Workers' Compensation

CAREERS



LAW CAREER SERVICES OFFERS RESOURCES AND WORKSHOPS ON PLANNING A JOB SEARCH, DRAFTING RÉSUMÉS AND COVER LETTERS AND DEVELOPING SUCCESSFUL NETWORKING TECHNIQUES.

Law Career Services (LCS)

Through innovative programs and personalized attention, LCS counselors work closely with students and alumni to meet the demands of today's legal marketplace. A full-service online system, LCSonline, features job postings, an employer directory and a calendar of networking events. LCS also organizes student visits to the offices and courtrooms of Golden Gate Law alumni and co-sponsors the popular Legal Career Options Day, where students meet with attorneys working in diverse fields of legal practice.

Golden Gate Law students and graduates have earned a reputation

for success in the legal community. Our alumni have found jobs in law firms of all sizes, government agencies, corporations, public interest organizations and courts all over California, the U.S. and the world. Within nine months of graduation, 92% of Golden Gate Law's graduates from the Class of 2008 reported that they were employed or pursuing an advanced degree.

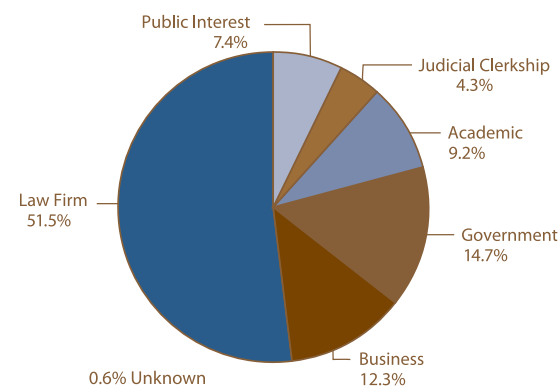
Every fall Golden Gate Law students participate in our Fall Recruitment Program, where legal employers from around the country invite students to submit applications for summer and post-graduate positions.

Recent Fall Recruitment employers have included:

- Attorney General of Washington
- Bullivant Houser Bailey PC
- California Coastal Commission
- California Franchise Tax Board
- Centro Legal de la Raza
- Dolby Laboratories
- Federal Election Commission
- Holland & Hart
- Howrey LLP
- Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc.

- Littler Mendelson
- Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office
- Mayer Brown LLP
- National Housing Law Project
- Perkins Coie
- Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP
- SuperGen, Inc.
- The Greenlining Institute

JD CLASS OF 2008 JOB TYPE



GRADUATE LAW PROGRAMS



Golden Gate Law offers several advanced law degree programs that attract attorneys and scholars from around the world. These programs offer JD students unique opportunities to enhance their knowledge and gain valuable professional contacts. The institutional and individual networks of relationships stemming from these programs cover much of the globe.

Our Master of Laws (LLM) Program in Taxation, considered one of the best in the nation, recently celebrated its 30th anniversary. Moreover, Golden Gate Law has been a leader in developing innovative courses related to global climate change, cyberlaw and privacy and international and comparative law. The LLM in International Legal Studies Program provides in-depth coverage

of specialized areas of law with an emphasis on the legal and cultural aspects of the business activities and interactions among the countries of the Pacific Rim, Europe and other regions.

Many graduate law courses are open to JD students, and Golden Gate Law JD recipients frequently go on to enroll in one of the following graduate law degree programs:

- JD/LLM in Taxation Law (accelerated 3 1/2-year program)
- LLM in Environmental Law
- LLM in Intellectual Property Law
- LLM in Taxation Law
- LLM in U.S. Legal Studies
- LLM in International Legal Studies
- SJD (Doctor of Juridical Science) in International Legal Studies

"As a lawyer, you learn about a subject in a vacuum, depending on the case on which you happen to be working. Golden Gate Law's LLM program gives environmental lawyers a comprehensive overview of this immense body of law."

Robert Byrne
(LLM Environmental Law 02)
Supervising Deputy Attorney General
Natural Resources Law Section
California Department of Justice



"With the globalization of the economy, there's just no way to be successful in the corporate world without having a firm grounding in international law."

Jasbir Khalsa
(LLM USLS 06)
Legal counsel, Hitachi Data Systems

ALUMNI NETWORK



Marc Van Der Hout (JD 77), speaking with Perla Sanchez (JD 07), was named Attorney of the Year and a Northern California "Super Lawyer" in 2009 for his pro bono and immigration law work.



ON THE BENCH

- Hon. Alan Jaroslovsky** (JD 77), U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of California
- Hon. Carol A. King** (JD 84), U.S. Immigration Court of the Executive Office for Immigration Review
- Hon. Carol Yaggy** (JD 79), San Francisco Superior Court
- Hon. Gail Dekreon** (JD 81), San Francisco Superior Court
- Hon. Morgan Christen** (JD 86), Alaska Supreme Court
- Hon. Philip M. Pro** (JD 72), U.S. District Court, District of NV
- Hon. Sandra M. Snyder** (JD 76), U.S. District Court, Eastern District of CA

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND PUBLIC INTEREST ORGANIZATIONS

- Acadia Senese** (JD 07), Special Assistant U.S. Attorney
- Bill Hirsh** (JD 86), Executive Director, AIDS Legal Referral Panel
- David E. Anderson** (JD 07), Attorney Adviser, Social Security Administration
- Helen Smolinski** (JD 99), Staff Attorney, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area
- Jan M. Lecklikner** (JD 78), Deputy Public Defender, San Francisco
- Joan Blades** (JD 80), Co-founder, MoveOn.org
- Karen L. Hawkins** (JD 79), Director, IRS Office of Professional Responsibility
- Kwanyee Eva Auyeung** (JD 06), Staff Attorney, Asian Law Caucus
- Matthew Wood** (JD 07), Staff Attorney, Transgender Law Center
- Peter Fowler** (JD 84), Senior Counsel, U.S. Patent & Trademark Office

BUSINESS AND PRIVATE PRACTICE

- Amy M. Wollman** (JD 94), Senior Counsel, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios, Inc.
- Carolyn B. Hall** (JD 00), Counsel, Bingham McCutchen LLP
- Charles R. Conradi** (JD 78), Treasurer and Vice President—Tax, The Clorox Company
- Daniel B. Pickard** (JD 95), Partner, Wiley Rein LLP
- Dave Roberson** (JD 78), Senior Vice President and General Manager, Hewlett-Packard
- Jackie H. Xu** (JD 96), General Counsel, Conviva, Inc.
- Joseph A. Meckes** (JD 97), Partner, Squire, Sanders & Dempsey LLP
- Mark S. Anderson** (JD 89), Vice President and General Counsel, Dolby Laboratories
- Marjorie Randolph** (JD 77), Senior Vice President, Walt Disney Studios
- Michael R. Ward** (JD 96), Partner, Morrison & Foerster LLP
- Petra Tang** (JD 96), Partner, Berry Appleman & Leiden LLP
- Richard B. Nettler** (JD 77), Partner, Arendt Fox LLP
- Richard Rosenberg** (JD 66), Former Chairman and CEO, Bank of America
- Romy L. Celli** (JD 97), Partner, Townsend and Townsend and Crew LLP
- Ronald W. Miele** (JD 84), Executive Vice President—Business Affairs, Operations & General Counsel, Warner Bros. International Television
- Ted C. Lindquist III** (JD 95), Partner, Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP

STUDENT LIFE



Golden Gate Law offers a diverse and supportive learning environment, where students of all backgrounds and life experiences come together. Our students include working professionals and recent college graduates from more than 100 undergraduate and graduate institutions. They represent a wide spectrum of ethnic, religious, socio-economic and cultural backgrounds, prompting *U.S. News and World Report* to rank Golden Gate Law as one of the United States' most diverse law schools in its 2009 law school rankings.

Student Organizations

Golden Gate Law is home to more than two dozen active student organizations that host social activities and professional development events throughout the academic year.

A partial listing includes:

- ACLU Student Chapter
- Asian Pacific American Law Students Association
- Black Law Students Association
- CAPITAL Group
- Environmental Law Society
- Federalist Society
- International Law Society
- IP Law Association
- Jewish Law Students Association
- Latino/a Law Students Association
- Law Students for Reproductive Justice
- National Lawyers Guild
- Public Interest Law Foundation
- Queer Law Students Association
- Student Bar Association
- Women's Law Association

The Personal Touch

Golden Gate Law students receive personalized attention and direction from their first day of law school through graduation.

- Peer Mentors Program: All first-year law students are matched with two upper-level JD students who help familiarize them with law school.
- Bar Exam Services: Third-year students are offered an extensive array of bar preparation workshops and resources, as well as one-on-one guidance from the Assistant Dean for Bar Exam Services.
- For students with documented disabilities, a full-time ADA coordinator works to accommodate their needs throughout law school.
- Student Conference Travel Funding: Upper-year students can obtain funding to attend law-related conferences and conventions.

Stress Relievers

The Golden Gate Law community offers countless ways—some formal, some just fun—for students to unwind. They include:

- Public Interest Law Foundation Auction
- Barristers Ball
- Basketball Tournament
- End of Classes PB&J Extravaganza
- Environmental Law Society Coastal Cleanup
- Faculty/Student Dinner
- JLSA Bagel Brunches
- Law & Literature Club
- Law Student Bowling Night
- Mindfulness Meditation Workshops
- QLSA Ice Cream Social
- SBA Welcome Back BBQ
- SBA Ex Parte



"I have had such a great experience with student government at Golden Gate. It's amazing how many opportunities there are to get involved."

Ariel Ungerleider (JD/MBA 09)
2008-09 SBA President

THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA



The San Francisco Bay Area

The Golden Gate Law experience is not just informative and enlightening—it's exciting, challenging and stimulating. Located on Mission Street in the heart of San Francisco's legal and financial district, the campus lies within blocks of major law firms and financial institutions, as well as city, state and federal courthouses and government agencies.

Golden Gate students can live anywhere in the Bay Area, and the law school is easily accessible by car or public transportation. A comprehensive housing guide and roommate matching service are available to all entering students.

The San Francisco Bay Area offers endless possibilities for recreational and outdoor pursuits. Our students

supplement classroom study and clinical training opportunities with cable car rides and day trips to the Pacific Ocean and redwood forests. They enjoy the nearby historic, cultural and culinary centers of Chinatown, Fisherman's Wharf, the Mission District and North Beach. World-class shopping at Union Square and San Francisco Giants baseball games at the spectacular AT&T ballpark are within short walks of campus, as are world-renowned fine arts venues and the magnificent Golden Gate Park.

Just beyond San Francisco, students frequently organize day or weekend trips to Yosemite National Park, Lake Tahoe, Napa and Sonoma Valley Wine Country and Big Sur. Los Angeles is an easy one-hour plane ride away.



Golden Gate Law sponsors an annual public service project during Orientation. In 2009, students traveled to San Francisco's historic Presidio National Park to assist with ecological remediation.



*"Groups such as APALSA
[Asian Pacific American Law
Students Association] are great
resources for people of any
ethnicity."*

Kimberly Chew (JD 07)
Associate, Burnham Brown

HOW TO APPLY



Golden Gate Law strives to admit students who are seeking a rigorous legal education that provides a holistic, practical approach to legal learning. The application process is designed to identify applicants who have the ability to succeed in the classroom and contribute to the legal community on and off campus.

The Admissions Committee evaluates applicants to determine whether objective indicators such as LSAT scores and post-secondary transcripts demonstrate the preparedness to meet the challenges of legal study. The Committee also looks for evidence of strong writing ability, leadership skills, professionalism and the motivation to attend Golden Gate Law. Personal statements, letters of recommendation and resumes are used to further develop the Admissions Committee's understanding of each applicant's potential for success. The Committee appreciates materials that provide

an honest statement about the applicant's achievements, goals, anticipated challenges and preferred learning environment.

Please note that the Admissions Committee prefers not to consider LSAT scores that are more than three years old, and in no circumstances will it consider a score that is more than five years old.

Golden Gate Law does not require a specific course of undergraduate study to apply, but does require that applicants have or will have completed an undergraduate degree at an accredited institution prior to matriculation. An original copy of each entering student's official undergraduate transcript will be required prior to matriculation.

Apply online at www.ggu.edu/law or visit the LSAC website at www.lsac.org. Applicants may also complete an application by downloading the application from our website.

	Application Available	Submission Deadline
First-Year Students	September 1	April 1 full-time June 1 part-time
Transfer Students	October 1 spring semester May 1 fall semester	November 15 July 15
Visiting Students	October 1 spring semester May 1 fall semester	November 15 July 15

Applicants who apply online prior to December 31 will not be required to pay the application fee.

Application Checklist

- ❑ Completed, signed application
- ❑ Application fee of \$60 or fee waiver request
- ❑ Personal statement (two pages, double-spaced)
- ❑ Resume
- ❑ Law School Data Assembly Service (LSDAS) report that includes an LSAT score, a minimum of two letters of recommendation (maximum of four) and copies of all post-secondary transcripts.

Transfer & Visiting Applicants

Students seeking to enroll as visiting or transfer students must be currently enrolled at an ABA-accredited law school, in good academic standing and have completed the first year of study. The application must include a current law school transcript, a letter of reference from a law professor and a letter from the Dean or Registrar at the applicant's current institution. For more information about applying as a transfer or visiting student, visit our website or contact the Office of Admissions.

International Applicants

Students who have completed their undergraduate studies outside the

United States or Canada must have their transcripts evaluated through the LSDAS Credential Assembly Service. A TOEFL score will be required for any student whose course of study was not completed in English. The minimum TOEFL score accepted by Golden Gate Law is 250 on the computer-based test or 600 on the paper-based test. For more information about applying as an international student, visit our website or contact the Office of Admissions.

Applicants who have questions about any part of the application process or who would like to schedule a campus tour and/or classroom visit should contact the Office of Admissions at 415-442-6630, toll-free at 1-800-GGU-4YOU, or by email at lawadmit@ggu.edu. Visit our website for a complete list of on- and off-campus events aimed at prospective students.

SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID



Entering Student Scholarships

Golden Gate Law awards both full-tuition Dean's Scholarships and partial-tuition Faculty Scholarships to qualified entering students. All entering scholarships are awarded on a three-year basis for full-time students and four-year basis for part-time students. Students retain their scholarship by maintaining a 3.0 required course GPA. There is no separate application for entering student scholarships, as all students are considered for scholarships at the time they are admitted to the JD program. Entering scholarships are typically awarded to students whose application materials demonstrate outstanding achievement in one or more of the following areas: academic record, LSAT scores, writing ability, professional experience, volunteer service or community leadership. Applicants are strongly encouraged to apply early in order to maximize the chances of obtaining a scholarship.

Golden Gate Law also awards \$5000 scholarships to students whose applications highlight a strong commitment to public service or environmental law. The Public Interest Scholars Program and Environmental Law Scholars Program require supplemental materials detailing the applicant's volunteer and employment history and evidence the applicant's intent to pursue a career in one of these areas of law.

Continuing Scholarships

Students who are not selected to receive an entering scholarship may be eligible for a merit scholarship after completing the first year of classes. Continuing scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic performance and maintained by achieving a 3.0 required course GPA. Additionally, Golden Gate Law offers many donor-funded special scholarships to continuing students who meet the specific award criteria.

Loans

Golden Gate Law is committed to helping our students make wise borrowing choices. Students attending Golden Gate Law may qualify for a variety of federal and private student loan programs. Our experienced Financial Aid staff is available to work with entering students in order to demystify the process of applying for financial aid and develop a realistic budget for law school. In order to be evaluated for eligibility, students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The form can be completed online at www.fafsa.ed.gov after January 1. **The Golden Gate Law FAFSA school code is 001205-29.**

Health Insurance

Golden Gate Law is committed to providing an environment that fosters academic excellence and personal success. In 2009 we launched the



Author and CNN Senior Legal Analyst Jeffrey Toobin with Golden Gate Law Review Editors at the 2009 National Conference of Law Reviews in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Kaiser Permanente Student Health Insurance Plan in order to help maintain the physical and mental well-being of our students. Students' financial aid packages may include an allowance for the cost of the health insurance premium.

Through Kaiser Permanente, students can receive accessible, affordable coverage, regardless of a previous condition, while enrolled in the

JD program. There is an option to extend coverage for up to a year after graduation for slightly increased cost. Dependent and domestic partner coverage is also available for an increased fee. For more information contact lawstudentservices@ggu.edu.

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Website: www.ggu.edu/law

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San Francisco, CA 94105-2968

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Golden Gate University welcomes applicants regardless of race, sex, creed, religion, age, color, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, ancestry, national/ethnic origin, nationality/citizenship, political affiliation, marital status, medical condition, or any other status protected from discrimination by federal, state, or local law.



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